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### Loggerhead Sea Turtle Travels from Padre Island, Texas to the Mouth of the Adriatic Sea

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In August, 1986 Roberto Argano of the Biology Department, University of Rome, Italy, reported the capture of a loggerhead sea turtle, (*Caretta caretta*) bearing tag number NNH702. The turtle had been caught by a swordfish fisherman in the Adriatic Sea on the southeastern coast of Italy.

Originally, the turtle was collected as a hatchling from a nesting beach on the Atlantic coast of Florida in 1981. It was head started at the National Marine Fisheries Service, Southeast Florida Fisheries Center's Galveston Laboratory and was released with 1,521 head started Kemp's Ridleys (*Lepidochelys kemp*) on 2 June 1982 about 15 miles offshore of Padre Island, near Corpus Christi, Texas. At the time of its recapture it weighed 9 kg and measured 43.5 cm in carapace length and 41.0 cm in carapace width. The method of measurement, whether straight line or over the curve, is not known. The overall condition of the turtle was good, and it was re-released after being tagged additionally with flipper tag number B298.